



TOWN OF AMENIA

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AMENIA HOUSING BOARD

Meeting
Sunday, January 30, 2022

MINUTES **Approved Sunday 2/20/22**

PRESENT: Charlie Miller (Member)
Jeff Barnett-Winsby (Member)
Stacy Mantel (Member)
Alison Francis (Member)

Leo Blackman (TB Liaison)

ABSENT: Tracy Salladay (Member)

Meeting opened @ 10:00. Meeting conducted via zoom.

1. **Welcome & intro:** AHB members. Charlie & Alison described experience & interest. Jeff recorded the meeting & Stacy offered to take minutes.
2. **Planning:** Leo suggested presenting AKRF recommendations to the Town Board for funding as a priority. Leo also offered to remind the TB we need a new Town planner. Charlie recommended discussing the mission of the AHB first, then to set a new meeting, then suggested going through the AKRF doc point by point. Stacy suggested meeting in 2 wks - postpone Ashley present to TB until after we clarify needs. Jeff said our role is to recommend properties to develop, and make changes to code so Amenia is attractive for developers to build affordable housing.
3. **Listening Session:** After 3rd TTC & RPA "housing ambassadors" training (Zoom), & w/project in play, is it time to schedule a public meeting? Leo noted HRH is planning "Regional Convening" in spring. Perhaps we make presentation after that about need (w/slide deck). Then the session to let residents speak. Or should last two just be one longer meeting? Alison asked who we are trying to reach? Jeff said we should aim to reach the 20% who responded negatively in survey. He also suggested we might have multiple smaller & shorter sessions at firehouse, library, VFW? Alison agreed - bring it to people. Stacy - put on Town website. Jeff - establish advocacy group for sustainable communities - need all sorts of hsg. Wants to figure out zoning incentives asap. Also look at Holback property adj 10mi TOD. Charlie - lots of options to pursue. Also \$5k HRH mini-grants for outreach. Need to apply. SM asked if new luxury housing developments subject to 10% affordability?

4. **Housing survey:** Charlie Miller suggested documenting this and all our research so far to make useful – esp for TB PPT, info meetins & eventual RFPs. Bring together our property & wetland maps, ADUs & zoning.
5. **New chair:** Charlie volunteered & was elected unanimously. Discussed open meeting requirements for meeting over video.
6. **Wastewater Committee:** Jim away. WW surveys still coming in. Consultant will use to shape district. Also evaluating potential properties. Charlie - flag lot (HRH/JBW) to have own wells/WW
7. **Other matters:** a) Potential Funding – consultants & capital - DC, NYS & Federal (incl Hochul's \$2.5B). b) Inventory: We need to start an inventory of Affordable Housing in Amenia c) Building above comm properties? d) How transfer Leo's minutes & documents so accessible?
8. **Minutes from last meeting:** (14 Dec 21): Not quorum of old members to vote. Next time?

Submitted By: Leo Blackman (Town Board Liaison)